

Rejoice,
FOR I AM WITH *God!*



SR. CARMEL LYNCH
SEPTEMBER 23, 1931 - NOVEMBER 16, 2022

ROSARY VIGIL

Friday, December 9, 2022

8:00 p.m.

St. Bonaventure Church

Huntington Beach, California



GATHERING HYMN “Holy is Your Name - Magnificat”

WELCOME Sr. Mary Dunlea

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

We present symbols that represent Sr. Carmel's life.

LANTERN: For the Presentation Sisters, the Lantern symbolizes the Light of Christ. Our Foundress, Venerable Nano Nagle carried the Lantern through the dark streets of Cork, Ireland in the 18th century, as she visited the poor and sick in their homes. Following in her footsteps, Sr. Carmel brought the light of Christ to all she met.

CONSTITUTIONS: Our Way of Life guides us in living the Vision and Mission of the Presentation Sisters. Sr. Carmel faithfully lived this call for sixty-four years as a Presentation Sister.

VOWS: Sr. Carmel committed herself to living her life as a Religious Sister through her commitment to the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

RING AND EMBLEM: Symbolize our fidelity and commitment to living the charism of Venerable Nano Nagle, a prophetic voice for justice in her time.

BIBLE: Sr. Carmel deeply cherished her personal Bible. Praying and reflecting on the sacred scriptures shaped her life. May Christ now greet her with the words of eternal life, “Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

ROSARY BEADS: Sr. Carmel treasured the Rosary beads as a reminder of the deep faith passed on to her by her parents.

CANDY JAR: Sr. Carmel loved the faculty and staff and, most of all, the St. Bonaventure students. She always had a candy jar in her office and every student who was called to her office got candy and returned to class very happy.

ROSARY - GLORIOUS MYSTERY

SHARING OF MEMORIES

FUNERAL MASS

Saturday, December 10, 2022

12:00 noon

St. Bonaventure Church

Huntington Beach, California

Presider: Fr. Joe Knerr

Cantor: Kim Switzer

Music: Ryan Newton

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GREETING

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

PLACING OF THE PALL

ENTRANCE PROCESSION “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

LANTERN

BOOK OF THE GOSPEL

CRUCIFIX

PALLBEARERS:

Chris Coerper

Sam Ferri

Martin Ferri

Jose Bernal

Paul Hoffmann

Paul Stanford

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE.....Sr. Mary

LORD HAVE MERCY

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 3:1-9
Sr. Maria

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace.
For if before men, indeed they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord shall be their King forever.
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

REFRAIN: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose;
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

R.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes;
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

R.

SECOND READING Romans 6: 3-9
Sr. Francine

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12a

Fr. Joe Knerr

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY Fr. Joe Knerr

INTERCESSIONS.....Sr. Jane

READER: Your response will be “Lord, hear our prayer.”

READER: We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for all of the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious. May they find courage and wisdom to lead the Church at this challenging time, and may they be blessed with the strength to persevere in their commitment to the Lord’s service. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift that Sr. Carmel has been to her family, to the Presentation Congregation and to St. Bonaventure School and Parish. We have been blessed by her dedication and commitment, her great vision, her gentleness, her compassion and spirit of faith. May she now live in unending joy in the presence of the God she served so faithfully and loved so dearly. We pray to the lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: Sr. Carmel's love and appreciation for her family reflected the eternal love of the Father. We pray for the repose of the souls of her parents, Michael and Mary Lynch, her sisters and brothers who have gone before her to their eternal rest. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: We pray for all who mourn the death of Sr. Carmel, her sister Alacoque, nieces, nephews, the Presentation Sisters and a wide circle of relatives and friends. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: We pray for all who lived with and were touched by Sr. Carmel during her many years in Religious Life. We pray for her many students and all who were influenced by her throughout her years of service as a teacher and principal. May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of them We pray to the Lord:

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: We pray for all who lovingly cared for Sr. Carmel, her Presentation Community, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, and the staff at Regina Residence, all of whom she truly appreciated. May their loving care continue to be a blessing for those whom they serve. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: We pray for the deceased members of our families, and of the Presentation family, and we remember all of our relatives, friends and benefactors. May they enjoy the peace and happiness of heaven where we will all be united one day. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: We pray for the sick, for the needs of our world and for the intentions that all of us hold dear in our hearts. We pray to the Lord

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS “These Alone Are Enough”
MaryJune Stanford and Fiona Bandy

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

OUR FATHER - Lord’s Prayer

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION..... “One Bread, One Body”
“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”

COMMUNION MEDITATION..... “O Loving God”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

SONG OF FAREWELL

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

RECESSIONAL “Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

RECEPTION

Celebration of Life Reception
immediately following the service:
St. Bonaventure Parish Hall



INTERMENT

The funeral procession will leave St. Bonaventure Church
at 2:30 PM for

ALL SOULS CEMETERY

4400 Cherry Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90807

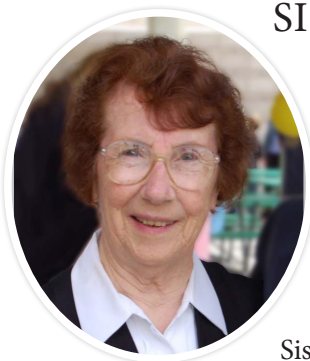


THANK YOU

The Presentation Sisters and Alacoque Lynch, Sr. Carmel's sister,
express deep gratitude for the sympathy, prayers, love and support
you have shown us in our time of loss and sadness.

This gives us courage and peace as we mourn the loss
of our beloved Sr. Carmel.

SISTER CARMEL LYNCH, PBVM



It is with deep sadness and with hope in the Risen Lord that the Presentation Sisters announce the death of Sister Carmel Lynch, PBVM, who died peacefully surrounded by her community on November 16, 2022 at Regina Residence, Orange, CA. We thank God for her 64 years of faithful dedicated service as a Presentation Sister.

Sister Carmel Lynch, beloved founding principal of St. Bonaventure School, was born on September 23, 1931 to Michael and Mary Lynch in Kells, Co. Meath, Ireland. One of a family of eight, four brothers and three sisters, she grew up on a farm and loved the simple country lifestyle.

After completing her education, she moved to Dublin where she got a comfortable government job and enjoyed her work. But she wanted something more and she felt God calling her to be a Presentation Sister.

She answered the call to Religious Life by joining the Presentation Sisters. Her strong zeal and compassion for working with the poor led her to Pakistan where she worked for five years. She loved the missionary life as a Presentation Sister. God next asked her to make a U-turn and come to California. Sr. Carmel and three other Sisters started St. Irenaeus School in Cypress in 1963, thus beginning the presence of the Presentation Sisters in Orange County.

Two years later she was assigned to St. Norbert School in Orange. In 1966, Sr. Raphael, as she was then known, was appointed the founding principal of St. Bonaventure School. She and Monsignor Michael Duffy, the founding pastor of St. Bonaventure Church, together set the direction that put the school on a path of academic excellence that continues to the present day.

In 1968 she was assigned to St. Irenaeus School where she was principal for five years. In 1972 she returned as principal of St. Bonaventure School. In 1985 Sr. Carmel took a Sabbatical Year in Rome. When she returned to California, she taught at St. Robert School in San Bruno.

From 1990 to 1994 Sister Carmel became Director of Religious Education at St. Norbert Parish, Orange.

Sr. Carmel returned as principal to St. Bonaventure School in 1994. During that time an Endowment Fund for the school was initiated, a new administration building and the Duffy Center were added. The school also earned the 2006 National Blue Ribbon Award presented in Washington D.C.

Sr. Carmel served as principal at St. Bonaventure for a total of twenty-nine years. In 2008 she retired after many years of faithful, dedicated service to Catholic education. She felt she had given her all to the school and was happy to hand over the school to lay administration who would faithfully carry on the vision and mission of the Presentation Sisters.



Sr. Carmel endeared herself to all who knew her and was revered as a gracious, caring, kind and compassionate person. She truly loved the students and wanted the very best for each of them. Her concern for the faculty was very evident. Many times, around 4:00 p.m. she would walk down the hallways and if any teacher was still working in her classroom, Sr. Carmel would say, "Go home to your family." Staff always felt that they did not work **for** Sr. Carmel, rather they worked **with** Sr. Carmel and they called themselves the "Carmelites"!

Sr. Carmel had a California Teaching Credential, a Master's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in School Administration from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Sr. Carmel is predeceased by her parents Michael and Mary Lynch, and by her brothers and sisters. She is survived and missed by her sister, Alacoque Lynch, Dublin, Ireland and by her nieces and nephews, and the Presentation Sisters. Sr. Carmel influenced so many lives and she will be forever remembered for her love, compassion, understanding, listening heart, kindness, faith, loyalty, charm and generosity.



In lieu of flowers,
gifts in Sr. Carmel's memory may be sent to:

Presentation Sisters Retirement Fund
16441 Bradbury Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92647









*“Love one another
as you have hitherto done”*

— Venerable Nano Nagle

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